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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/864,718	GU, JIREN
	Examiner	Art Unit
	D. S. Nakarani	1773

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26,28-35 and 37-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 25,26,28-35 and 37-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-26,28-35 and 37-43 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 10, 2004 has been entered.

2. Claims 1-24 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 8.

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. Claims 25, 26, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Thompson et al (U.S. Patent 4,513,036) for the reasons of record set forth in paragraph 6 of the Office Action mailed June 9, 2003 (Paper No. 10).

5. Claims 25, 26 and 28-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rausing et al (U.S. Patent Re 27,610) for the reasons of record set forth in paragraph 10 of the Office Action mailed November 1, 2002 (Paper No. 5).

6. Claims 25, 26, 28-35 and 37-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patterson et al (U.S. Patent 4,859,511) in view of Rausing et al (U.S. Patent Re 27,610) and Osgood, Jr. et al (U.S. patent 4,855,187) for the reasons of record set forth in paragraph 11 of the Office Action mailed November 1, 2002 (Paper No. 5).

7. Applicant's arguments filed on May 10, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In reference to rejections of claims applicant has mainly repeated the arguments stated in the remarks filed September 8, 2003. Applicant additionally argues that in the present disclosure the polymers can be co-extruded at temperatures greater than 550⁰F and even as high as 600⁰F which eliminates the need for the pretreatment steps typically required for adequate adhesion between polypropylene and a substrate surface. Applicant further state that the molten polypropylene penetrates into the substrate due to its low melt viscosity. The melt viscosity of polypropylene is lower than that of polyethylene. Due to the penetration of the molten polypropylene layer into the substrate, it does not require adhesive layer.

The repeated arguments are unpersuasive for the reasons stated in the previous Office Actions. Additional arguments are also unpersuasive because the invention as claimed is not a product by process and does not require melt viscosity of polypropylene lower than that of polyethylene. The specification as originally filed does not disclose that the melt viscosity of polypropylene is lower than that of polyethylene and/or other polyolefin. The specification as filed state that the temperature at which the polymers co-extruded under pressure through the die is controlled so as to oxidize the molten polypropylene layer. This in turn promotes bonding of the co-extruded film, and in particular polypropylene layer, to substrate without requiring a

pretreatment step. Preferably the polymers are co-extruded at a temperature at which the polypropylene polymer will substantially oxidize, generally at a temperature greater than 550°F and more preferably at a temperature of about 600°F (Page 6 lines 16-22).

8. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the parent application prior to the filing of this Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action after the filing under 37 CFR 1.53(d). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

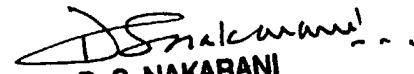
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. S. Nakarani whose telephone number is (571) 272-1512. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Paul J. Thibodeau can be reached on (571) 272-1516. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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June 23, 2004


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